

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	9720	<b>Agenda Number</b>	45.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 6, 2011			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize award and execution of contract with POWER SUPPLY, Austin, TX, for the purchase of station post insulators for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$72,292.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Lowest bid of nine bids received.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	█			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Gage Loots, Buyer II /512-322-6118			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			
<b>Related Items:</b>	█			

**Additional Backup Information**

This contract is for the one-time purchase of station post insulators for Austin Energy (AE). Station post insulators are used to isolate the substation bus from the bus supports to prevent leakage current from flowing through the structure or to the ground. The "bus" is the main power carrying component in a substation and is a four inch diameter aluminum pipe. The substation bus is connected to switches and these switches are then connected to the major substation components including circuit breakers, transformers, and transmission lines.

The station post insulators to be purchased are for use at three AE substations. Eighty-three are for a capital improvement project to increase the capacity of the McNeil Substation. The remaining are for the construction of new substations; 90 for the new Stoney Ridge Substation and 43 for the new Webber Solar Substation.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**

IFB No. GAL0023\*  
Station Post Insulators  
(3 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Item #1</u>	<u>Item #2</u>	<u>Item #3</u>
Power Supply Austin, TX	\$50,643.00	\$22,508.00	\$72,792.00
KBS Electrical Distributors, Inc. Austin, TX	\$41,616.00	\$22,596.40	\$73,124.64
Stuart C. Irby Co. Austin, TX	\$43,118.97	\$22,951.36	\$74,275.92
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Austin, TX	\$41,769.00	\$21,488.00*	\$79,272.00
Texas Electric Cooperatives Georgetown, TX	\$43,229.00	\$22,440.00	\$82,080.00
Apfelbaum Industrial, Inc. Waco, TX	\$66,766.14	\$26,695.44	\$84,797.28
Techline, Inc. Austin, TX	\$42,891.00	**	\$90,331.20
Power Reps, Inc. Austin, TX	\$39,144.03*	No Bid	No Bid
Utilicor Stockdale, TX	***	No Bid	No Bid

\*This solicitation will also result in two administrative awards. Line Item No. 1 will be awarded to Power Reps, Inc.

in an amount not to exceed \$39,144.03. Line Item No. 2 will be awarded to Priester-Mell & Nicholson in an amount not to exceed \$21,488.00.

\*\*Non-responsive: Techline, Inc.'s offer did not meet specifications as required by the Solicitation.

\*\*\*Non-responsive: Utilicor failed to supply a sample when requested by the City as required by the Solicitation.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

#### **PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred notices were sent, including two MBEs and one WBE. Seven bids were received, with no response from the MBE /WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 1.7% decrease from the last purchase made in April 2009.

#### **APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.